

REMARKS

Applicant hereby responds to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2003 in relation to the above-identified patent application.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant notes that correspondence related to the above-identified patent application continues to be forwarded to prior counsel despite Applicant's submission of Power of Attorney transfer documents with its Amendment filed December 19, 2002. These duly executed Power of Attorney documents which transferred responsibility for the continuing prosecution of the present application to the undersigned are re-submitted for consideration. Applicant respectfully requests that all future correspondence rendered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in relation to this application be forwarded to the undersigned for further handling.

In the latest Office Action, the Examiner objected to the disclosure due to the application purportedly not being updated with application numbers and/or patent numbers, and the detailed description purportedly not reflecting the elements in the new drawings. The Examiner also objected to the drawings as purportedly including reference numbers not corresponding to the reference numbers described in the specification, and has indicated that the proposed drawing correction filed on July 16, 2002 has been disproved due to the changes not being highlighted.

In addition to the foregoing, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §112 due to the disclosure of the present application purportedly not being enabling.

With regard to the various objections to the specification and drawings advanced by the Examiner, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to Applicant's Response to Office Action filed June 9, 2003. In the June 9, 2003 Response, the Table included on page 10 of the specification was amended to include the patent numbers and application numbers, such amendment being responsive to the same objection to the disclosure presented in the Examiner's prior Office Action of March 6, 2003. This prior March 6, 2003 Office Action also included the identical disapproval of the proposed drawing corrections filed July 16, 2002 due to such corrections not being highlighted. To respond to this particular objection, six pages of drawings having the modifications highlighted in yellow were submitted with Applicant's June 9, 2003 Response. The aforementioned change to the Table of the specification to provide the application numbers and patent numbers and

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the submission of drawings with highlighted changes are discussed in the third and fourth paragraphs of the Remarks section of Applicant's June 9, 2003 Response.

The amended drawings of the present application, including the changes highlighted in yellow, are resubmitted herewith for the Examiner's convenience. It should be noted that Figure 1 includes two additional proposed new amendments, and more particularly the addition of the reference numeral "190" to identify the side surface of the leadframe 170, and the addition of the reference numeral "140" to identify the perimeter of the chip paddle 80. Further, by this Amendment, Applicant has made a number of additional clarifying modifications to the specification of the present application which do not introduce any new matter thereinto, but rather correct minor inconsistencies between specification and the amended drawings. Applicant respectfully submits that the drawings and specification as currently amended are consistent, and that the Section 112 rejection advanced in relation to Claims 1-20 should now be withdrawn.

Since the prior art based rejections set forth in the prior Office Action of March 6, 2003 have apparently been overcome by the arguments presented in Applicant's Response filed June 9, 2003, based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the stated objections and grounds of rejection have been overcome, and that Claims 1-20 are now in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

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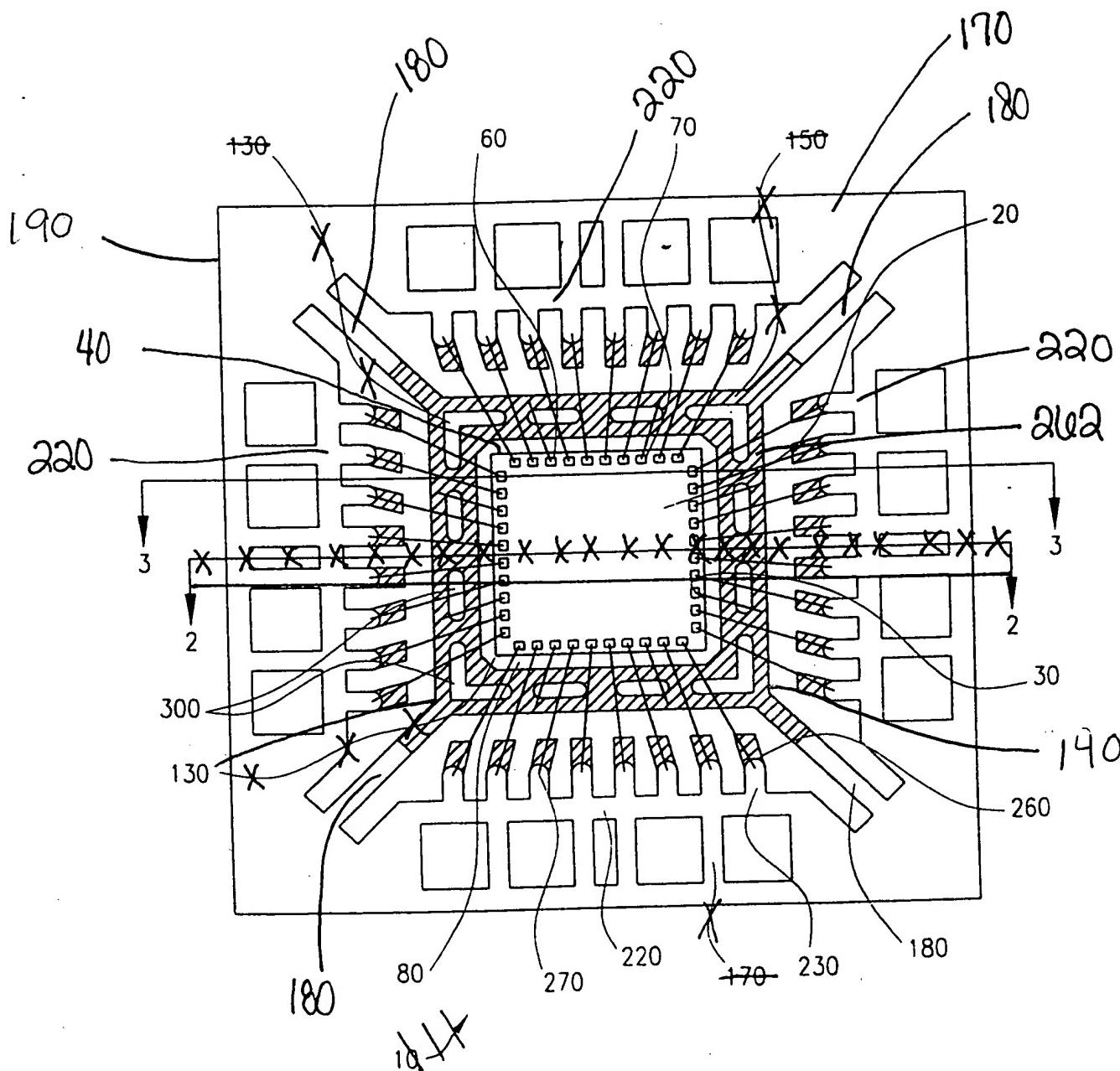
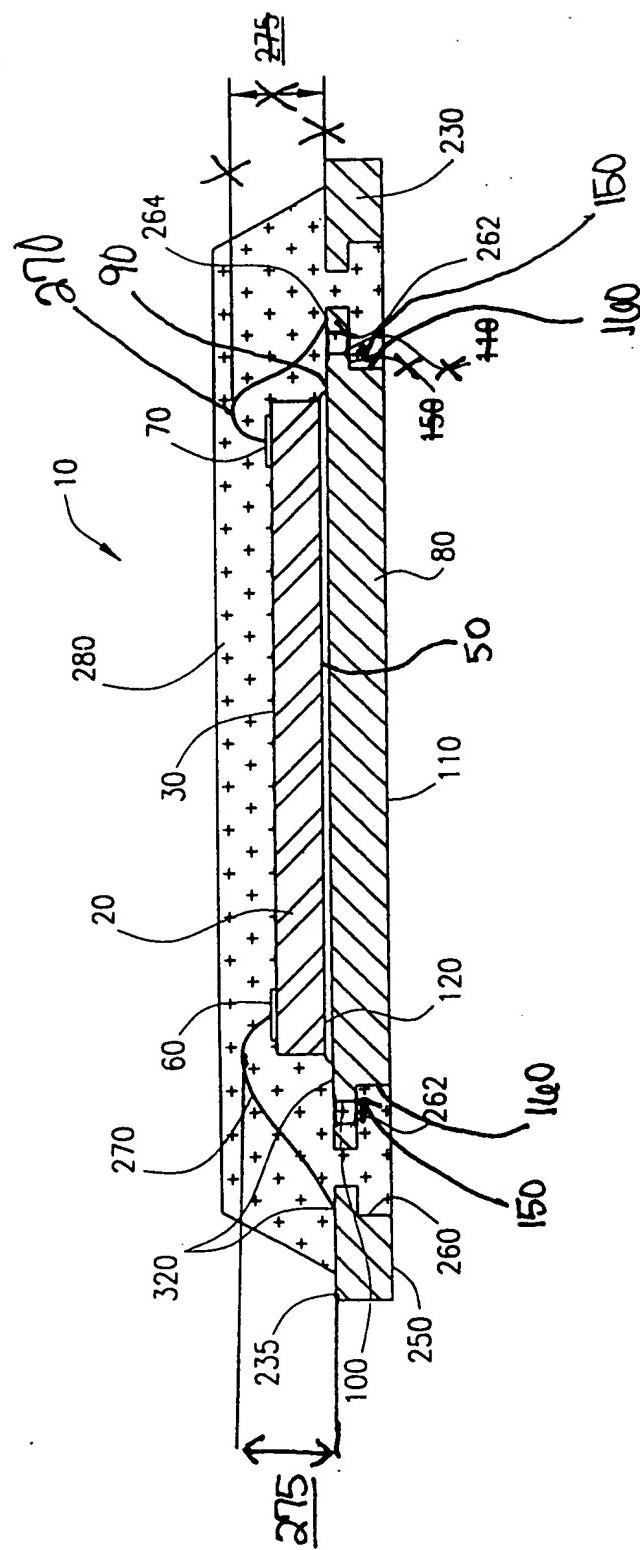


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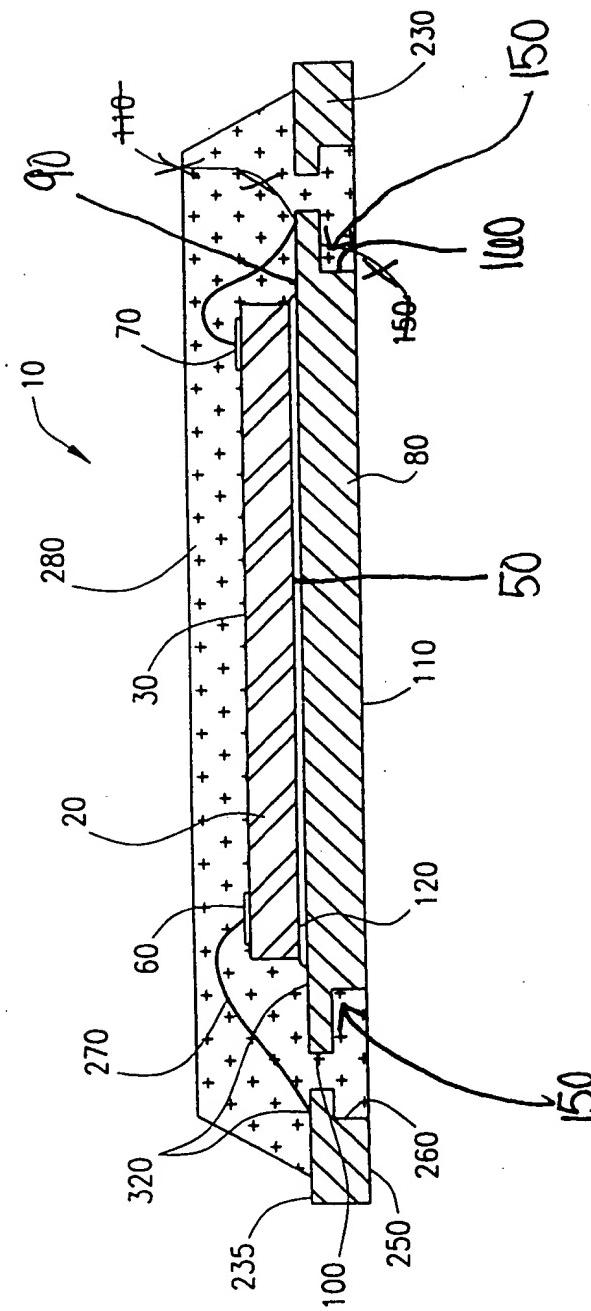


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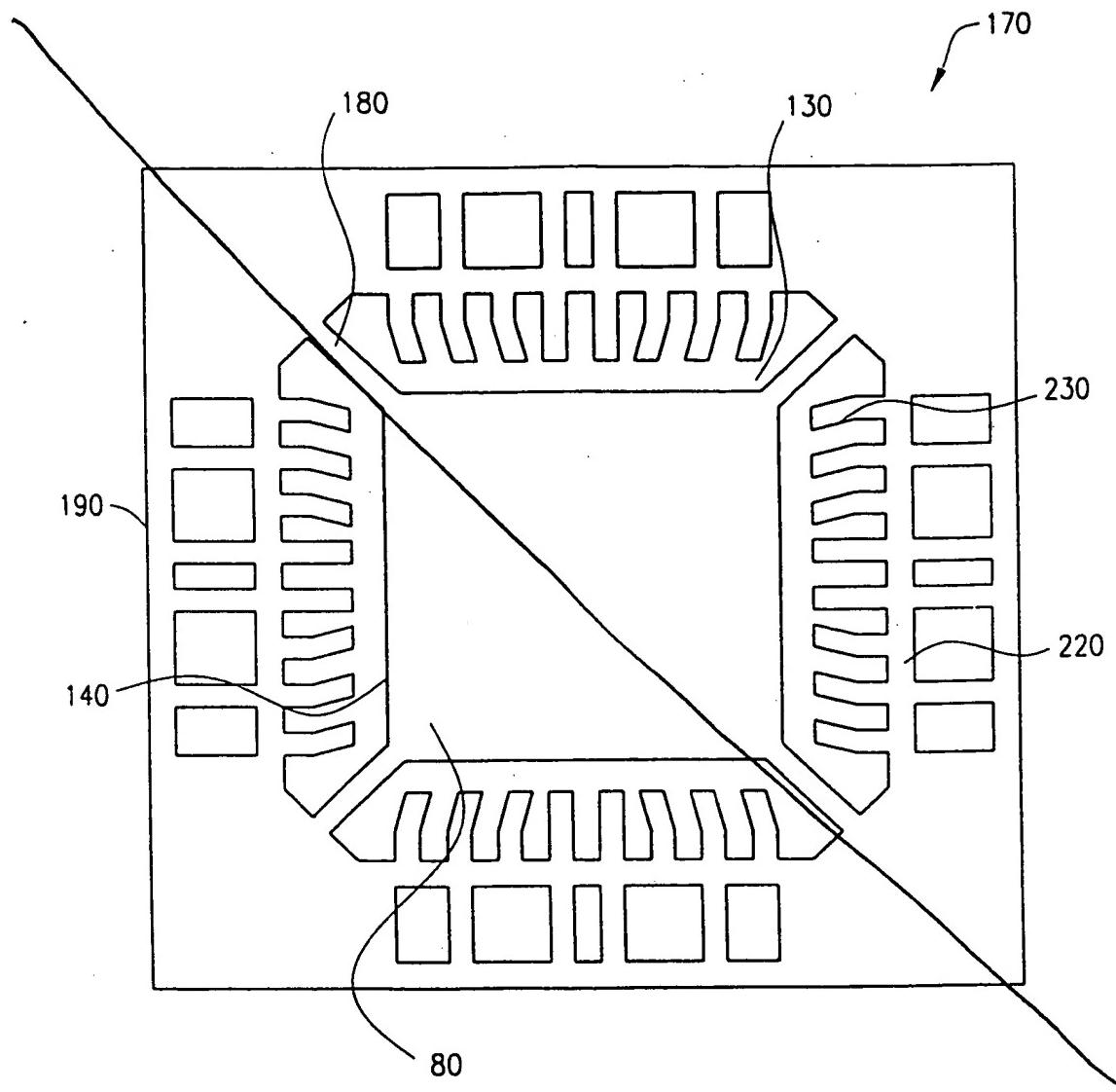


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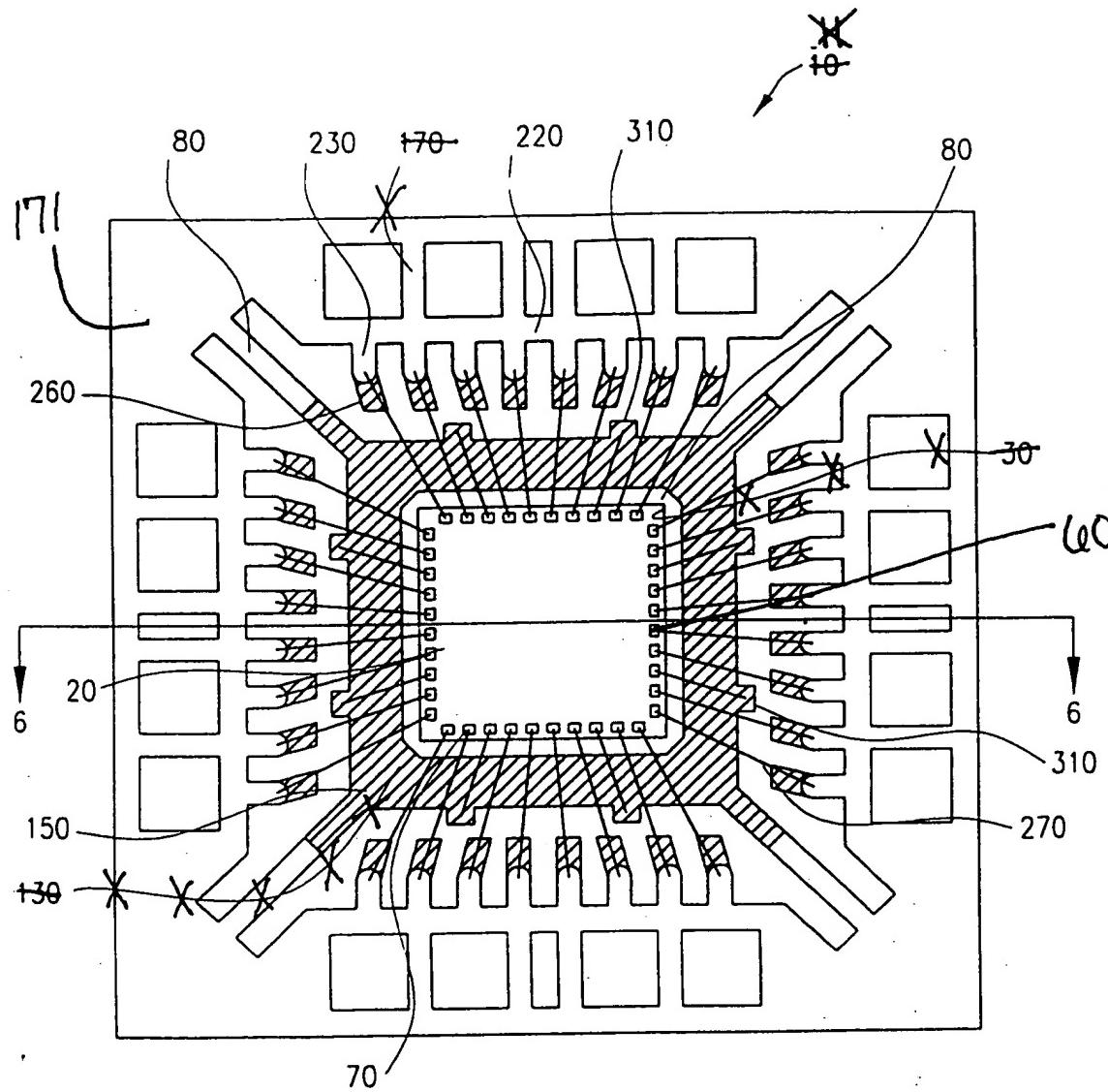


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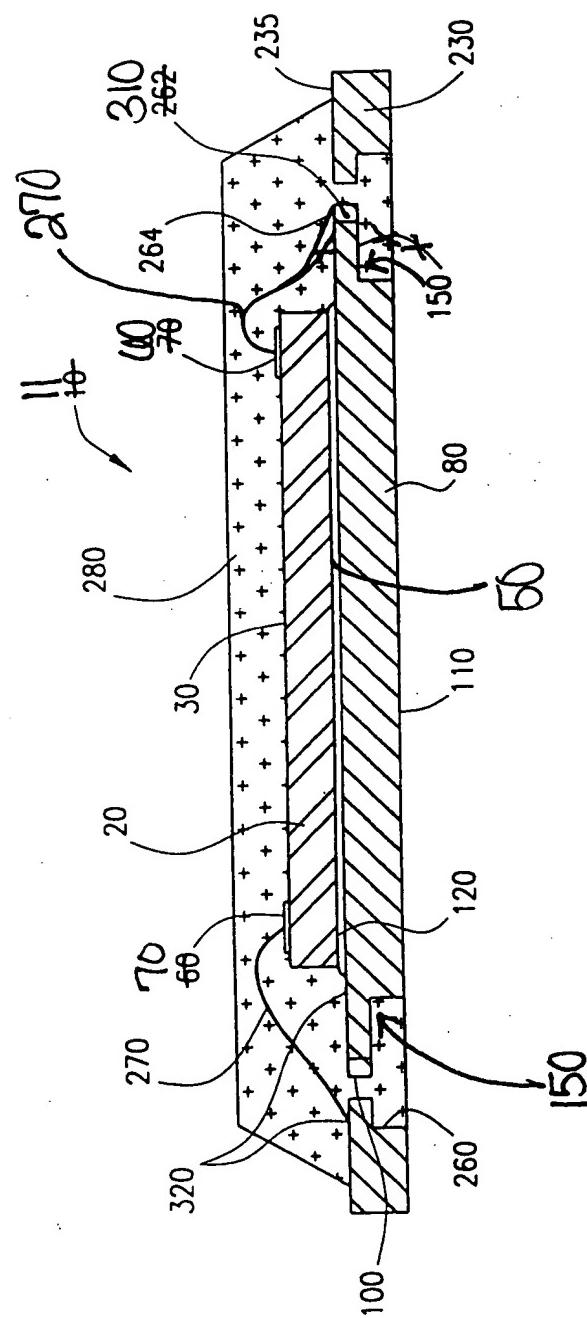


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